CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. (currently amended) An A disk drive including an airflow shroud for a moving-slider-type microactuator coupled with a flexure and a suspension load beam, comprising:

a first end of a flexure directly coupled with a suspension load beam; a second end of said flexure directly coupled with a slider-type

microactuator;

a slider directly coupled with said slider-type microactuator; and
an airflow shroud coupled with said flexure and with said suspension load
beam such that said flexure is disposed between said airflow shroud and said
suspension load beam, said shroud comprising:

a frame portion having forming an opening suitable for exposing a protruding portion of a said slider for a disk drive, the frame portion surrounding a said moving-slider-type microactuator coupled to the slider, said frame portion not contacting said suspension load beam; and

an attachment portion adapted for attachment with said suspension load beam of a disk drive wherein said frame portion is configured to not surround said suspension load beam.

- 2. (currently amended) The <u>airflow shroud disk drive</u> according to claim 1, wherein the frame portion has side portions forming the opening and a tapered shape between each side portion and the opening.
- 3. (currently amended) The <u>airflow shroud disk drive</u> according to claim 1, wherein between about 50 to 100 micrometers of the slider protrude through the opening of the frame portion.

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